

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
U.S. Appln. No. 09/780,485

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A foamed rubber which has an average cell diameter of 1-150  $\mu\text{m}$ , which cell is formed by a blowing agent having a decomposition temperature of 170° or above, a hardness as determined according to JIS-K-6301 of 30-100 and a density of 0.7-1.1 kg/l.

2. (original): The foamed rubber according to claim 1, wherein the foamed rubber comprises a foamed ethylene- $\alpha$ -olefin-non-conjugated diene copolymer rubber.

3. (withdrawn): A process for producing a foamed rubber which comprises the steps of:

(1) blending 100 parts by weight of a rubber and 4-15 parts by weight of a blowing agent having a decomposition temperature of 170°C or above, to obtain a composition,

(2) continuously molding the composition obtained in step (1) with a continuous molding apparatus, to obtain a molded body, and

(3) continuously heating the molded body obtained in step (2) to effect vulcanization and foaming, thereby to obtain a foamed rubber which has an average cell diameter of 1-150  $\mu\text{m}$ , a hardness as determined according to JIS-K-6301 of 30-100 and a density of 0.7-1.1 kg/l.

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